

What is claimed is:

1. A method of managing workflow in a commercial printing environment including a designer location and a print service provider location, said method comprising:
creating a press ready file at the designer location using updated device configuration information from the print service provider location;
submitting said press ready file to the print service provider location via an electronic network;
verifying, at said print service provider location, that said press ready file will print at said print service provider location as designed at the designer location and, if not, correcting said press ready file to ensure printing substantially as designed; and
performing automated shipping using, if created, said corrected press ready file, else using said verified press ready file.
2. A method of managing workflow according to claim 1, wherein said step of creating a press ready file at the designer location further comprises performing automated remote shipping setup of said press ready file to remotely select the desired shipping options for said press ready file when printed at said print service provider location.
3. A method of managing workflow according to claim 1, wherein said step of verifying, at said print service provider location, further comprises performing automated remote shipping setup.
4. A method of managing workflow according to claim 1, wherein said step of automated shipping is performed and wherein an automated shipping device is used to ship said printed output in accordance with shipping instructions in said press ready file.
5. A method of managing workflow according to claim 1, wherein said step of correcting includes reading shipping instructions prepared at the designer location and

preparing appropriate corresponding instructions for an actual shipping device to be used at the print service provider location.

6. A method of managing workflow according to claim 5, wherein said step of correcting further comprising updating a job ticket corresponding to said press ready file.

7. A program product for managing workflow in a commercial printing environment including a designer location and a print service provider location, said product comprising machine-readable program code for causing, when executed, a machine to perform the following method steps:

- creating a press ready file at the designer location using updated device configuration information from the print service provider location;
- submitting said press ready file to the print service provider location via an electronic network;
- verifying, at said print service provider location, that said press ready file will print at said print service provider location as designed at the designer location and, if not, correcting said press ready file to ensure printing substantially as designed; and
- performing automated shipping using, if created, said corrected press ready file, else using said verified press ready file.

8. A program product according to claim 7, wherein said step of creating a press ready file at the designer location further comprises performing automated remote shipping setup of said press ready file to remotely select the desired shipping options for said press ready file when printed at said print service provider location.

9. A program product according to claim 7, wherein said step of verifying, at said print service provider location, further comprises performing automated remote shipping setup.

10. A program product according to claim 7, wherein said step of automated shipping is performed and wherein an automated shipping device is used to ship said printed output in accordance with shipping instructions in said press ready file.

11. A program product according to claim 7, wherein said step of correcting includes reading shipping instructions prepared at the designer location and preparing appropriate corresponding instructions for an actual shipping device to be used at the print service provider location.

12. A program product according to claim 11, wherein said step of correcting further comprising updating a job ticket corresponding to said press ready file.

13. A system for managing workflow in a commercial printing environment including a designer location and a print service provider location, said system comprising:

means for creating a press ready file at the designer location using updated device configuration information from the print service provider location;

means for submitting said press ready file to the print service provider location via an electronic network;

means for verifying, at said print service provider location, that said press ready file will print at said print service provider location as designed at the designer location and, if not, correcting said press ready file to ensure printing substantially as designed; and

means for performing automated shipping using, if created, said corrected press ready file, else using said verified press ready file.